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*Promoting a culture of service,  
citizenship and responsibility*



Corporation for  
NATIONAL &  
COMMUNITY  
SERVICE

AmeriCorps  
Senior Corps  
Learn and Serve

citizen corps

Councils

DOJ



Neighborhood Watch  
Volunteers in Police Service

FEMA



CERT

DHHS



Medical  
Reserve Corps

Other outreach,  
training, and  
volunteer opportunities



## Citizen Corps Mission

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**To have everyone participate in  
making America safer**

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*Citizen Corps harnesses the power of  
every individual through education,  
training, and volunteer service to make  
communities safer, stronger, and better  
prepared to respond to threats of all kinds.*



## Citizen Corps Councils *Responsibilities*

- Build on community strengths to develop action plans to involve the whole community, including special needs groups
- Focus on public education, training, and volunteer opportunities for community and family safety
- Promote and oversee Citizen Corps programs
- Provide opportunities for special skills and interests
- Organize special projects/community events
- Capture smart practices and report accomplishments



## Citizen Preparedness

- **BE READY Campaign**
  - Make a Kit, Make a Plan, Be Informed
  - PSAs, [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov), 1-800-BE-READY, brochure
- ***Are You Ready? A Guide to Citizen Preparedness***

Practical, comprehensive information on:

  - emergency preparedness
  - natural hazards
  - sheltering
  - technological hazards (CBRN)
  - mitigation
  - man-made hazards (CBRN)
- Numerous preparedness and disaster related publications available on [www.fema.gov/library](http://www.fema.gov/library) and other sites



## First Responders Per Capita

### 1 firefighter for every 280 people

1 million firefighters – 750,000 volunteer

### 1 sworn officer for every 385 people

436,000 sworn law enforcement personnel

291,000 sworn sheriff's office personnel

### 1 EMT/paramedic for every 325 people

860,000 all levels of pre-hospital services:  
basic EMT, intermediate EMT, paramedic

*White House Homeland Security website and EMS Magazine July 2002*



## The Need to be Ready

In 95% of all emergencies,  
bystanders or victims themselves  
are the first to provide  
emergency assistance or  
to perform a rescue

*Los Angeles Fire Department*





## Citizen Corps Programs



### **Department of Justice**

- Neighborhood Watch
- Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)



### **Federal Emergency Management Agency**

- Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)



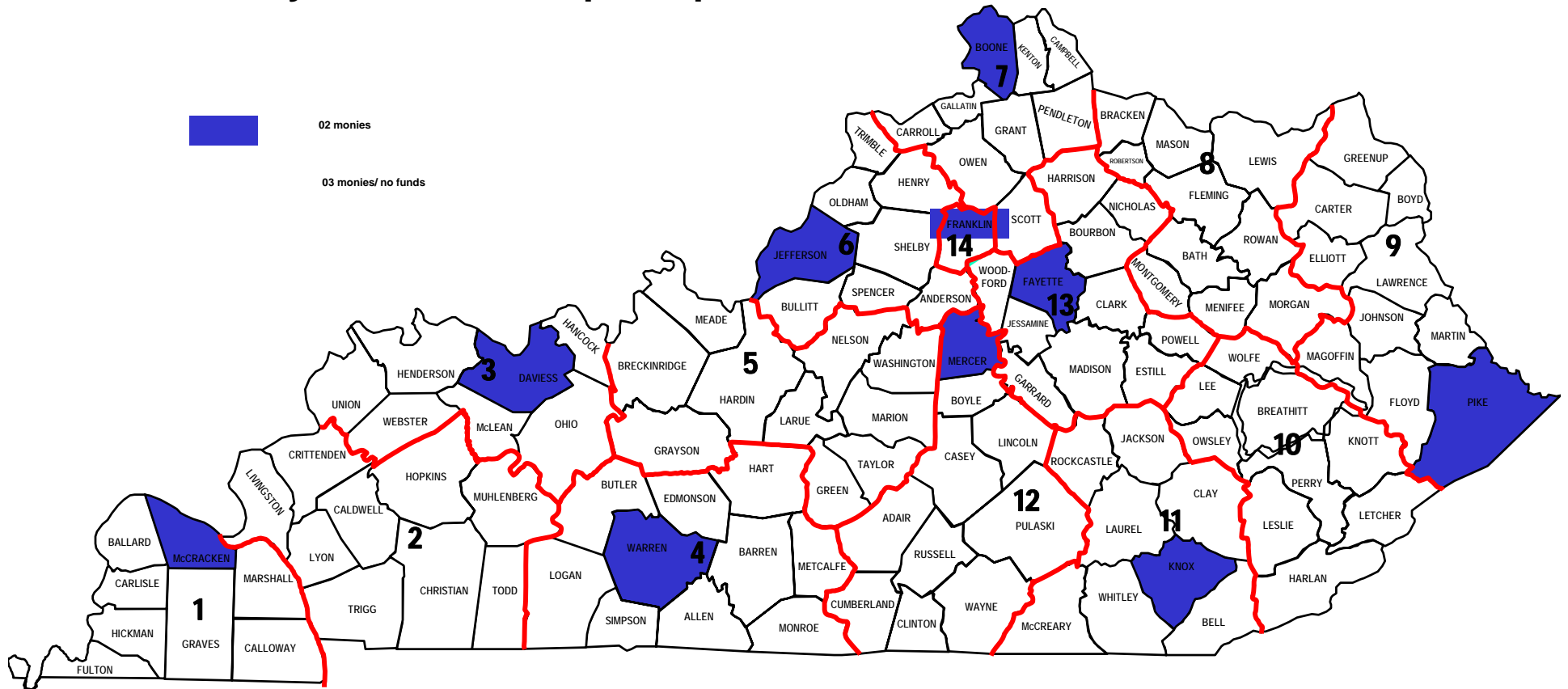
### **Department of Health and Human Services**

- Medical Reserve Corps

**Other public education, training and volunteer service programs promoting community and family safety**



# State KyEM Citizen Corps Map

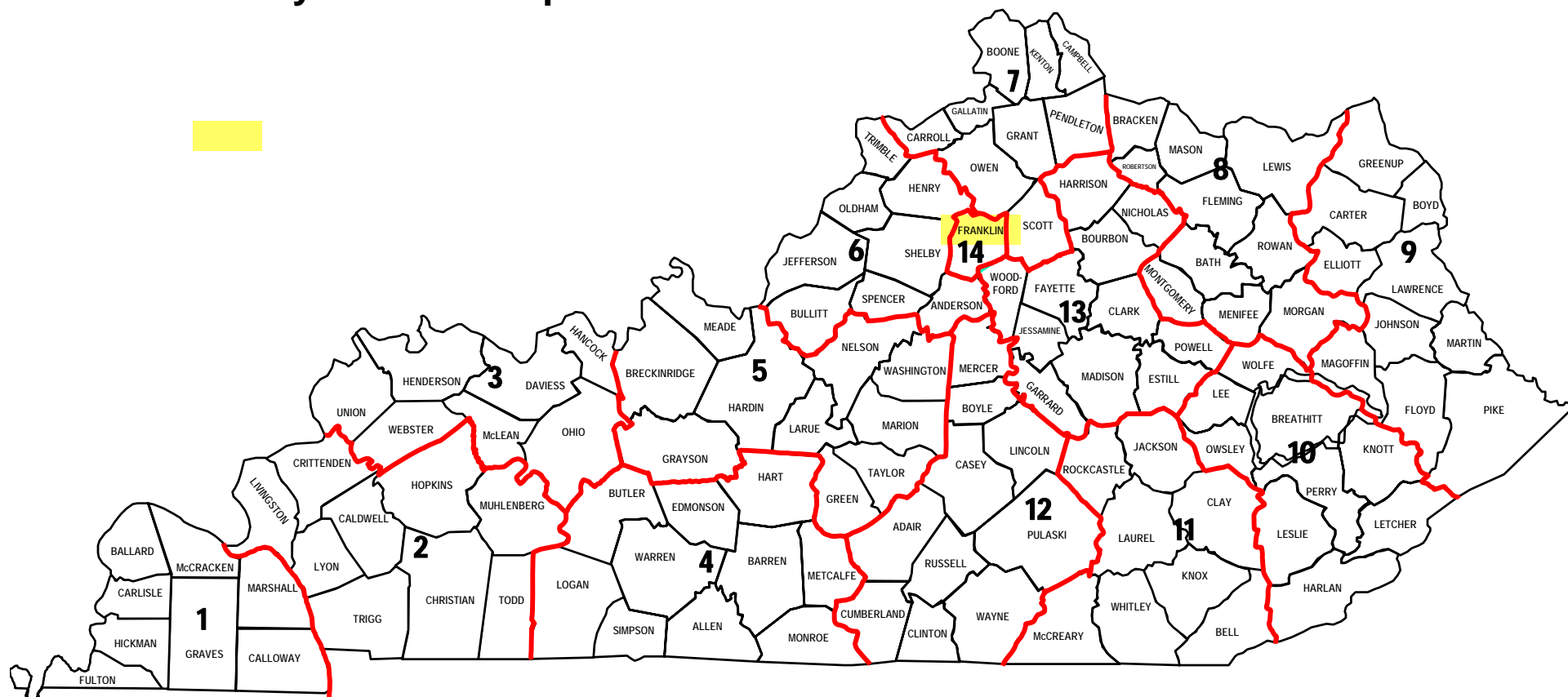




## Neighborhood Watch - DOJ

- 30 years old –  
success in crime prevention
- Double number of  
Neighborhood Watch  
Programs to 15,000 over 2 years
- Partnership with the  
National Sheriffs' Association





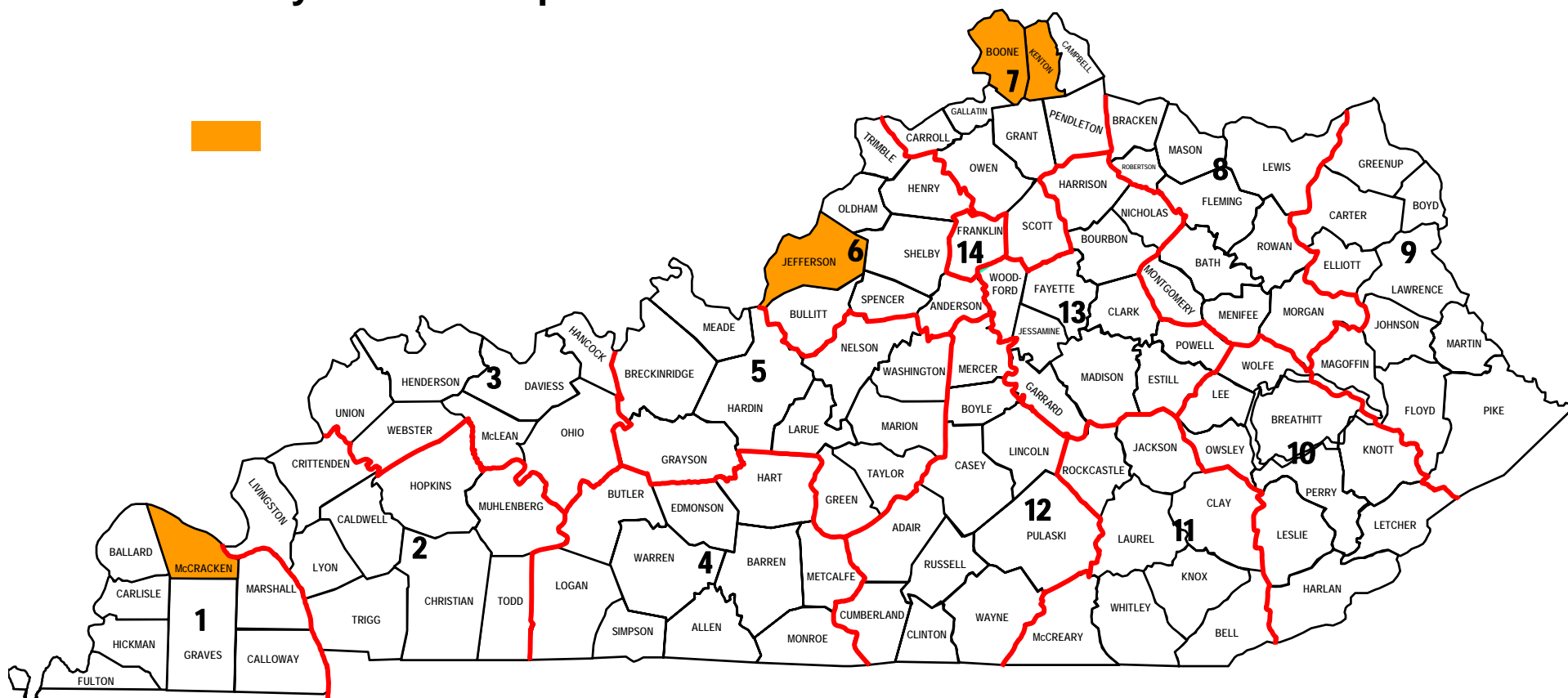


## Volunteers in Police Service - DOJ

- On line directory of existing local programs, sample policies and documents at [www.policevolunteers.org](http://www.policevolunteers.org)
- Best practices guidance to recruit, train, and use citizen volunteers in police departments
- Partnership with the International Association of Chiefs of Police



Figure 1



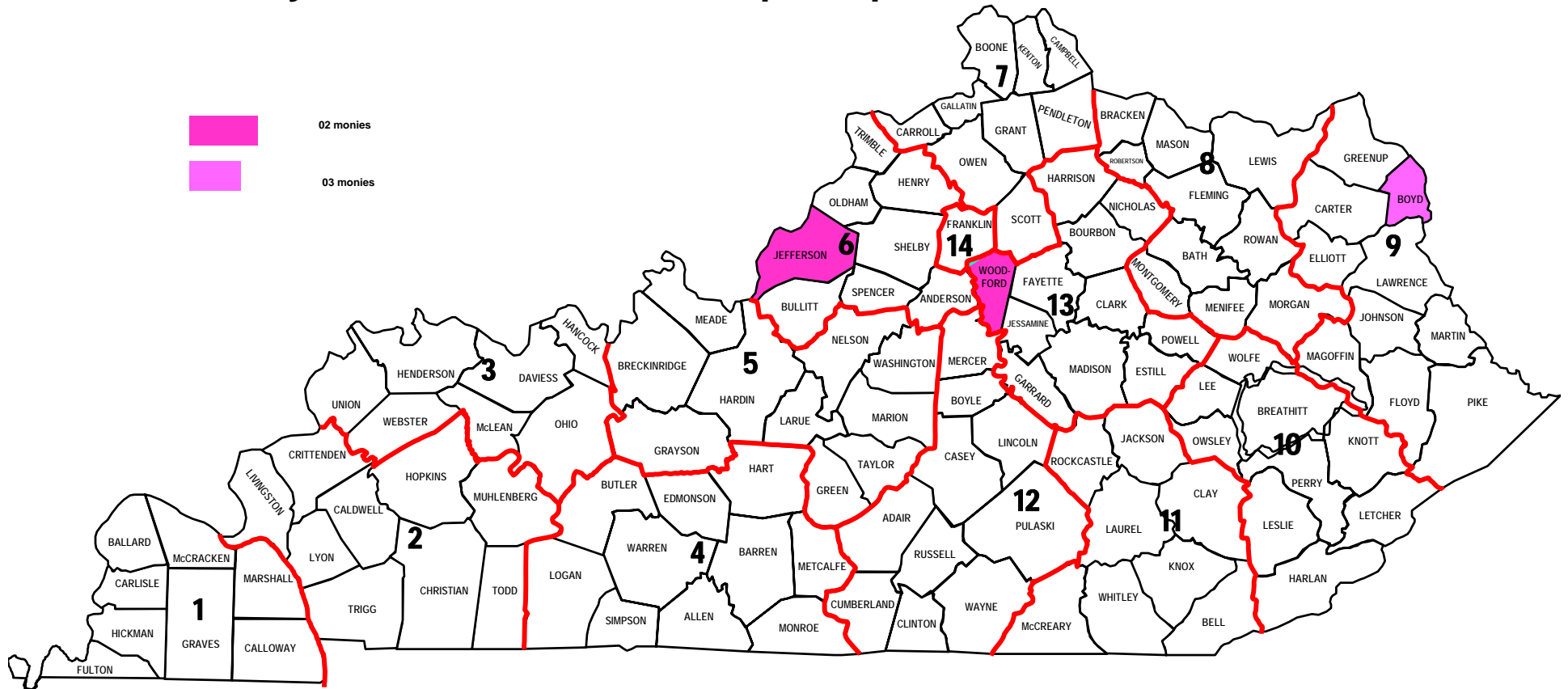


## Medical Reserve Corps - HHS

- Active and retired health care professionals and others with an interest in public health issues
- Support in large-scale local emergencies
- Promote community public health year round
- Nov 2002:  
42 demonstration grants  
announced and Guide  
for Local Leaders released
- [www.medicalreservecorps.gov](http://www.medicalreservecorps.gov)



# State KyEM Medical Reserve Corps Map





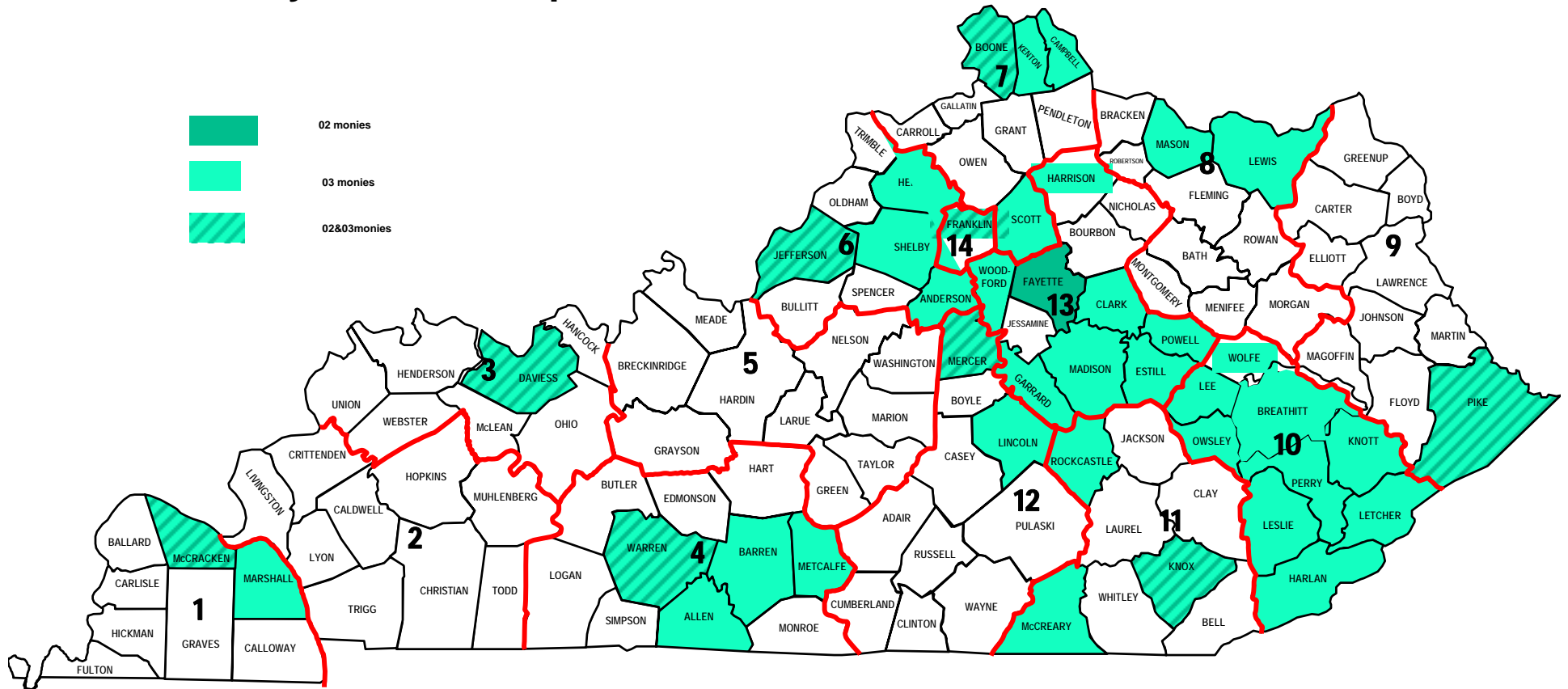


## CERT - FEMA



- 20 hour course
  - Disaster Preparedness
  - Fire Suppression
  - Team Organization
  - Terrorism module (new)
  - Light Urban Search and Rescue
  - Medical Principles and Treatment
  - Disaster Psychology
  - Final Exercise
- Train-the-Trainer delivery system
- Triple the numbers of individuals trained by the end of 2003 – an additional 400,000 nationwide

# State KyEM CERT Map





## Citizen Corps Community Benefits

- Greater sense of security, responsibility, and personal control
- Builds community pride, unity and patriotism
- Promotes risk reduction, mitigation, and preparedness practices
- Prepares us all for helping others in a crisis



## Citizen Corps Community Benefits

### **Benefits for First Responders:**

- Year round support through volunteer programs
- Reduces burden on first responder services by promoting mitigation and preparedness measures
- Creates well trained, better informed, and better prepared citizens to take care of themselves and others during times of crisis -- allowing first responders to address the most critical needs



## State Role

- Promote Citizen Corps at the State level
- Statewide partnerships
- Conduct Statewide public information and outreach campaigns
- Grants management and reporting
- Promote volunteer mutual aid
- Conduct Statewide CERT training
- Ensure volunteer/donations management is included in Emergency Operations Plans



## Interest in Citizen Corps

- Based on 2000 Census Data:  
116,292,834 Population Served. (40%  
of US population.
- 978 Local Councils formed in 51 states  
and territories
- 52 State and Territory Councils



## Kentucky Statistics

- Kentucky has 13 counties currently forming citizen corps, covering a total of 1,588,023 people.
- This is 38.56% of the total population According to 2003 census figures of 4,117,827
- The Kentucky Citizen Corps Working Group is proposing that ODP allow them to fund every county in the commonwealth with a citizen corps with upcoming grants.





## What YOU Can Do

- Partner with volunteer organizations, first responder and emergency management leadership, elected leadership, private sector and educational groups
- Help form Citizen Corps Councils and start the programs in your community
- Help with public education, risk assessment, training, and volunteer participation
- Mentor others: organizations and communities



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